



LAW OFFICES OF
SYNNESTVEDT & LECHNER LLP

2600 ARAMARK TOWER
1101 MARKET STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107-2950
TELEPHONE 215 923-4466

FACSIMILE (215) 923-2189
E-MAIL synnlechl@synnlechl.com
www.synnlechl.com



**EXPEDITED PROCESSING
RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

May 7, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of Al-Obeidi et al.
Application No. 09/211,715
Filed December 14, 1998

Examiner Samuel W. Liu
Art Unit 1653

FACTOR Xa INHIBITORS

(Attorney Docket No. P26,835 USA)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this document along with any papers indicated as being submitted herewith are being deposited on May 7, 2003 with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

May 7, 2003
Date

Christopher P. Dahling
Christopher P. Dahling

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.113(C) AND 1.116 TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 20, 2002

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2002, entry of the following Amendments and Remarks is respectfully requested.